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STATUS CHECK

Sir:

Applicants filed the above-identified application on December 16, 2003. To date, Applicants have not received a first Office Action in this case.

Consequently, Applicants respectfully request notification as to when we can expect to receive an Office Action in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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